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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were yet to be determined. However, the undertone was usually reported as steady in the East and Midwest, but fully steady to firm in the West. Distributive and food service demand was light to moderate, best in fast food outlets. In retail channels orders were slow in developing for the holiday weekend, except where features were planned. Weather conditions continue to hamper retail movement in the Northeast. Overall, whole birds were usually sufficient for trade needs with smaller sizes in the best position. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. Bone in-breast were at least adequate, although other white meat items and wings were reported as fully adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 74.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 78.00 cents last year on May 26, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	174.50
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	104.50
LEG QUARTERS	39.50
WINGS	85.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady on whole product. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate for mid-week business. However, holiday business was still slow in developing. Trucks remain short of full needs. Overall, supplies were clearing but sufficient for trade needs. Offerings of lighter weights were limited and remained in the best position. In the parts structure, trading was also fair to moderate. Dark meat was close to short and in the best position. Breast items and wings were irregular, but usually available if needed. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged light to moderate during midweek trading, best where retail feature activity was planned. Cold and rainy conditions continued to hamper parts of the Northeast and impact buyer interest. Offerings were closely cleared on 3 pound and lighter sizes; heavier sizes were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was at least steady on the 3 pound and lighter weights; generally steady on the heavier sizes. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained steady. Offerings light on limited trade interest. Retail demand mixed, light to fairly good, and best for features. Food service trade was also light to fairly good with best demand into catering operations and some fast food. Floor stocks were fully adequate to adequate; weights desirable to heavy. Parts trade interest, for the most part, was light. Supplies of all parts were available with dark meat cuts in tightest position. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat, weak on tenderloins, and barely steady to steady on the balance.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was firmer. Offerings in good balance. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES	WEEK ENDING 05/21/05		PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
	2005	2004	
EGGS SET	215,753	214,186	+01
CHICKS PLACED	175,395	175,320	0

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 21, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 21, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through May 21, 2005 were 3.52 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-Jul-05 is estimated at 162.7 million head. This compares to 163.7 million head the previous week and to 164.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.26 cents per pound.

MAY 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 25

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	520	117.00-182.00	124-129	124.84
TENDERLOINS	193	120.00-179.00	132-137	130.61
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	82.00-91.00	84-86	86.49
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	512	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,260	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	71.00-85.00	79-81	80.03
WINGS (CUT)	402	88.00-101.00	95-99	96.85
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	101.00-110.00	-	106.14

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
MAY 24, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	645	122.00-185.00	127-132	132.27
TENDERLOINS	203	120.00-180.00	-	128.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	82.00-91.00	84-85	86.05
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	74	49.00-62.00	52-54	53.72
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	522	37.00-40.00	38	38.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,220	39.00-42.00	40	39.97
WINGS (WHOLE)	310	71.00-87.00	-	82.19
WINGS (CUT)	450	88.00-102.00	95-99	97.01
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	105	104.00-113.00	-	107.43

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR
MAY 25, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
54.00 - 59.50	55.87	53.50 - 60.50	56.80	56.73

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to no better than moderate during midweek trading as dealers were attempting to procure product for the upcoming holiday weekend. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Leg quarters, drumsticks and thighs were clearing satisfactorily. Wings were fully adequate. Retail and distributive movement was moderate. The market tone was fully steady on dark meat cuts. Breast items were about steady. Wings were barely steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 24

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	139.78	724,160
TENDERLOINS	130	131.14	243,716
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	91.20	141,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	83.58	76,040
LEGS	52-53	53.87	240,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	39.43	398,280
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	49.11	233,140
THIGHS	46-47	53.46	137,060
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.52	130,080
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	89.25	127,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.83	16,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.45	17,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.43	32,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

MAY 25

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	139.59	428,640
TENDERLOINS	130	127.94	105,240
BREAST - WITH RIBS	82-83	93.40	156,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	84.69	92,800
LEGS	52-53	55.64	199,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	40-41	40.16	272,320
DRUMSTICKS	44-45	49.93	150,040
THIGHS	46-47	53.85	98,680
B/S THIGHS	104-105	102.36	93,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	88.37	120,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.48	22,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.37	21,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.89	17,760

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	05/25	05/24	05/23	05/20	05/23	05/20	05/18	05/16	
Alabama	4,057	3,921	4,007	4,578	5.31	5.21	3,894	5.34	
Arkansas	5,442	5,549	5,460	5,804	5.17	5.01	5,367	5.06	
Delmarva	2,253	2,285	2,301	2,491	5.66	5.56	2,229	5.60	
KY-LA-TN	2,298	2,301	2,198	2,517	5.22	4.90	2,264	5.10	
Mississippi	2,990	3,098	2,769	3,070	5.66	5.55	2,727	5.68	
North Carolina	2,424	2,535	2,495	3,389	6.56	6.46	2,511	6.65	
Texas	2,481	2,425	2,501	2,793	5.25	5.16	2,422	5.33	
Total	21,945	22,114	21,731	24,642	5.48	5.38	21,414	5.47	
Mon-Wed	66,261(A)				65,080(A)				

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-May-05 is estimated to be 32,832,000 head up 2.17 percent from a week ago and up 6.93 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,134,000, last year 30,705,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY.

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-107
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-73
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	105-107
	ICE PACK	108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	108-111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	89-93
	DRY PACK	89-95
DUCKS		180-192

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-May-05

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/28/05 (1)	05/21/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	169,660 (2)	169,717
Light hens	1,657	1,696
Heavy hens	1,452	1,469
Total	172,769	172,882

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-May-05 is 166.5 million head compared to 163.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.0 million head or 3.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Jun-05 the estimated available is 165.9 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/23/05	113,127	47,710
AM 05/01/05	112,518	48,154
CHG	609	444
PCT CHG	1	-1

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/23/05	05/16/05	05/24/04	05/23/05	05/16/05	05/24/04
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,186	4,122	8,608	6,147	6,036	3,923
LOS ANGELES	93	68	358	3,607	3,307	2,520

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 23, 2005

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 80-84

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/24/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	1.40	1.65	1.57	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	4.05	2.04	RABBITS ea.	-	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	4.00	7.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	21						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending May 20, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	74.52	140.76	82.80	18.63	6.21	67.07
High	76.59	149.04	91.08	24.84	12.42	67.07
Mostly	76.18	144.90	86.94	20.70	8.28	67.07

SAN JUAN

Low	74.52	140.76	82.80	18.63	6.21	67.90
High	76.59	149.04	91.08	24.84	12.42	67.90
Mostly	75.76	144.90	86.94	20.70	8.28	67.90

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	72.86	132.48	74.52	12.42	10.35	65.00
High	76.18	140.76	78.66	22.77	14.49	65.00
Mostly	73.69	136.62	74.52	16.56	12.42	65.00

BECERRA

Low	74.52	140.76	82.80	18.63	6.21	66.24
High	76.59	149.04	91.08	24.84	12.42	66.24
Mostly	76.18	144.90	86.94	20.70	8.28	66.24

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and cautious at some points, fair to moderate at others and was generally best where retail ad activity was planned or in progress. Adverse weather conditions continued to impact overall buying interest. Offerings were usually no more than adequate on the smaller sizes; fully adequate on the larger. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 71 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex supplies were adequate to fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	70-86
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	75.97
NO. OF BOXES	6,672

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